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OUTSIDE WAKANDA:

KRAK

OOM

HOLD ON! WE'RE GOING DOWN.

HOLD ON TO ME. I CAN GET US OUT OF--

NO! LET US FALL, KURT...

"...LET US FALL."

SPSH

HMM, WE'RE A LOT LESS DROWNED THAN I WAS EXPECTING.

YES. I JUST NEEDED STORM TO THINK SHE'D DEALT WITH US.

I CAN FEEL STORM'S MIND. IT'S LIKE THE MINDS I COULDN'T REACH IN DELHI.

SOMETHING ELSE IS IN THERE WITH HER.

"SHE'S HEADED FOR WAKANDA'S CAPITAL.

"GENTLE IS THERE. THERE ARE OTHER MUTANTS LIVING THERE, TOO.

"SHE'S GOING TO WIPE THEM OUT."

OUR SENTINEL IS REBOOTING.

I CAN USE IT. I CAN TAKE HER OUT!

NO.

I CAN--

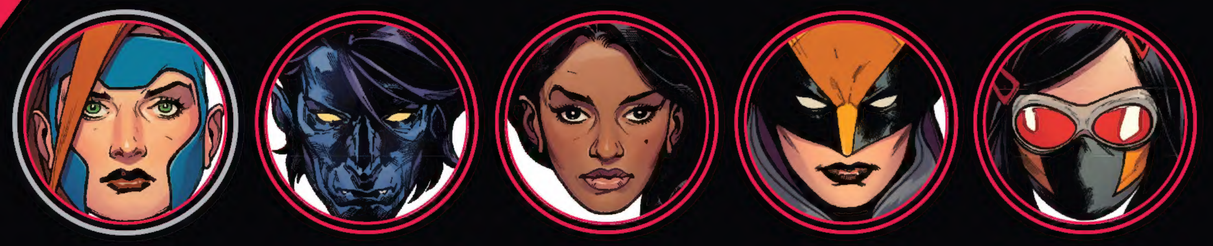
YOU WILL NOT TOUCH HER.

PROTECT ANY WAKANDAN MUTANTS ON THE GROUND.

I WILL DEAL WITH ORORO.

THE HATE MACHINE

PART 4: SMALL PROBLEM



JEAN GREY NIGHTCRAWLER TRINARY WOLVERINE HONEY BADGER

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JEAN GREY IS AN OMEGA-LEVEL TELEPATHIC MUTANT WHO IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE X-MEN. SHE DIED YEARS AGO. BUT LIKE A PHOENIX RISING FROM THE ASHES, JEAN HAS BEEN RETURNED TO LIFE. AND WHILE THE WORLD SHE'S RETURNED TO HAS CHANGED IN DRAMATIC WAYS, ONE CONSTANT REMAINS: THE X-MEN STILL PROTECT A WORLD THAT HATES AND FEARS THEM.

JEAN GREY WANTS TO FIX THE WORLD. SHE SPOKE TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE HOPES OF BRINGING MUTANTS AND HUMANS TOGETHER, BUT DROVE THEM FURTHER APART WHEN SHE WAS FRAMED FOR THE BRUTAL MURDER OF AN AMBASSADOR. THOUGH JEAN DOESN'T KNOW, CASSANDRA NOVA, THE POWERFUL TELEPATH AND SISTER OF CHARLES XAVIER, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER.

GRANTED CLEMENCY IN WAKANDA, JEAN AND HER TEAM WERE FORCED BACK INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE A NEW MUTANT NAMED TRINARY. THE TEAM ESCAPED AN ANGRY MOB OF PEOPLE UNDER CASSANDRA'S PSYCHIC CONTROL ON THE SHOULDERS OF A DISABLED SENTINEL. BUT THEIR FLIGHT BACK TO WAKANDA WAS CUT SHORT WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED...BY ONE OF THEIR FELLOW X-MEN: STORM!

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TOOOOM

NEZHNO!

NO! GET CLEAR, MY KING. PLEASE!

ORORO!

WHAT IS THIS?

WOOOOOOOO

AWAY.

MUTANT.

STORM!

ABOMINATION.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, 'RO.

NO!

TOOOM

OKAY.

ENOUGH RUNNING.

HRAAARGH!

WHOA!

HEY. IT'S OKAY.

I'M TRINARY. THIS IS MY ROBOT.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

ORORO!

I CAN'T REACH THE THING CAUSING YOUR HATRED. BUT I CAN SENSE...

THERE'S A SUGGESTION. SOMEONE WHO TOLD YOU TO COME TO WAKANDA.

I CAN REMOVE THAT SUGGESTION.

NNAARGH!

HNNNG.

STORM?

KURT. GET BACK.

MUTATION.

SURROUNDED. ALL AROUND ME.

IT *IS* ME.

DESTROY IT ALL.

NO!!!

KRA--

ABOMINATION!

KOOOOM

CRCK

ORORO!

THD

SHE'LL BE FINE.

YEAH. YOU DON'T LOSE FRIENDS WHEN THEY LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

HNNNG.

GENTLE?

WHAT IS HAPPENING? WHY WOULD ORORO ATTACK US?

THIS WAS NOT STORM ATTACKING. WE'LL EXPLAIN AS MUCH AS WE KNOW, BUT FOR NOW, WE NEED TO GET ORORO AND NEZHNO SOME MEDICAL ATTENTION...

...AND REMOVE WHATEVER'S IN STORM'S MIND

YOU AND ORORO, YOU'RE CLOSE?

I...YES. I SUPPOSE WE ARE CLOSE AGAIN. WE *WERE* MARRIED.

IT'S AMAZING HOW MUCH YOU MISS WHEN YOU'RE DEAD.

HAVE YOU FOUND IT, T'CHALLA?

YES. IT'S A NANITE SITTING ON HER AMYGDALA. ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE IT SURGICALLY COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS.

TRINARY?

I'M TALKING TO IT. IT'S COMPLEX. I CAN'T CONTROL IT YET, BUT I THINK I CAN TURN IT OFF, PERMANENTLY.

NO.

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. I WANT US TO BE ABLE TO EXAMINE THIS THING WHILE IT'S FUNCTIONING.

T'CHALLA? HOW BIG CAN YOU MAKE ORORO'S BRAIN?

PERFECT.
TRINARY.
YES?
YOU CAN FEEL THE NANITE. I CAN'T. I NEED TO BORROW YOUR MIND.
AND YOURS, T'CHALLA.
YES.
THERE IT IS. I CAN FEEL IT NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M THINKING SMALLER THAN I'VE EVER TRIED BEFORE.
I'M USING YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE MIND, TRINARY'S KNOWLEDGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MY TELEKINESIS TO PULL THE NANITE THROUGH THE SAFE PATHWAYS OF ORORO'S BRAIN.
SO, PLEASE. HOLD HER HEAD VERY, VERY STEADY.

LATER.

IT'S IN THERE.

I CAN SEE IT.

THERE'S A THEORY THAT AN ANALYTICS COMPANY WORKED OUT HOW TO USE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA DATA AGAINST US.

PLAYING TO OUR BIAS, AND OUR ONLINE HABITS. THE ACCUSATION IS THIS COMPANY WAS EMPLOYED TO SWING WORLD-CHANGING VOTES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, AND THEY CONTINUE TO DO SO.

ESSENTIALLY, THEY PLAY ON PEOPLE'S FEARS. THEY IMPLANT DISTRUST AND HATRED.

YOU'RE SURE IT'S IN THERE?

THAT'S WHAT THIS IS, TAKEN TO THE EXTREME.

THIS ISN'T REMOTE PERSUASION, THIS IS PURE FEAR AND HATE DIRECTLY HARDWIRED INTO THE BRAIN. IT'S CALLED A SENTINITE.

NANITE SENTINELS LATCHED ON TO PEOPLE'S AMYGDALAE, WITH THE SAME MUTANT DETECTION ABILITY AS PREVIOUS SENTINEL GENERATIONS.

ORDINARY PEOPLE TURNED INTO INSTANT MUTANT HATERS AND HUNTERS.

THE SENTINELS ARE *US.*

AND THERE IS SOMETHING EVEN MORE SINISTER. IF THESE NANITES ENTER THE MIND OF A MUTANT, WELL, AS WE SAW WITH ORORO, THE HOST WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE THEIR OWN LIFE.

THIS COULD WIPE OUT ALL OF MUTANTKIND.

THERE'S A FORCE OUT THERE. SOMEONE WHO HATES MUTANTS.

I FELT ANOTHER MIND IN THE AMBASSADOR'S HEAD...BEFORE HER BRAIN WAS DESTROYED.

I FELT THE SAME PRESENCE IN A SUGGESTION IN STORM'S MIND.

IT IS CLEARLY AFTER ME.

IF WE STAY HERE, T'CHALLA, ALL OF WAKANDA IS THREATENED.

WE NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE SAFE. SOMEWHERE HIDDEN. SOMEWHERE NOTHING CAN REACH US.

I CAN ENSURE NOTHING REACHES YOU HERE.

NO, YOU CAN'T, T'CHALLA.

YOU CAN'T PROTECT US FROM WHAT'S IN A PERSON'S HEAD.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR HELP, BLACK PANTHER.

BUT WE NEED SOMEWHERE WHERE NO ONE ELSE IS ENDANGERED BY OUR PRESENCE. SOMEWHERE WE CAN REGROUP, AND BEGIN TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST WHATEVER THIS IS.

WELL, WE DID HAVE ANOTHER OFFER...

THESE RUINS— WHAT WERE THEY, NAMOR?

ANOTHER ARROGANT CIVILIZATION WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE FULLY IN CONTROL OF THE WORLD, RIGHT UP UNTIL THE MOMENT THE OCEANS ROSE UP AND SWALLOWED THEM WHOLE.

BUT THEIR BUILDINGS WERE SOUND, AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPLEMENT THESE STRUCTURES WITH OUR OWN TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

WE'VE MELDED NEW TECHNOLOGY WITH THE ANCIENT.

JEAN. I SAW A MERMAID!

IT *WAS* PRETTY AMAZING.

WHAT?

BEING WOLVERINE DOESN'T MAKE ME IMPERVIOUS TO THE WONDER OF A #$%@%$& MERMAID.

THANK YOU, NAMOR. WE CAN START HERE. YOU'VE PROVIDED A SANCTUARY FOR YOUR PEOPLE.

THEY'RE NOT MY PEOPLE.

OH, STOP THAT. YOU'RE A KING, *AND* YOU'RE A MUTANT. I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO LEAD, BUT WE WILL NEED YOU BESIDE US.

WE NEED SOMETHING ELSE FROM YOU.

AND WHAT IS THAT?

WE NEED YOU TO PUT ON SOME DAMN CLOTHES.

I DON'T LIKE THIS.

WELL, LIVING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA ONLY PROTECTS US IF WE'VE ENSURED THE KING OF THE SEA CAN'T BE TAKEN OVER BY THE SUDDEN DESIRE TO DESTROY US.

WHILE THE NANITES WON'T BE ABLE TO GET DOWN TO US DUE TO THE CRUSHING DEPTHS, THEY CAN STILL INFECT US ON THE SURFACE.

THE WAKANDANS AND I WERE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE THESE SUITS. THEY WILL ACT AS A FIREWALL TO THE SENTINITES.

OH, DON'T WORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS.

THE SOONER YOU HELP US WIN THIS ONE, THE SOONER YOU CAN SHOW OFF ABS-LANTIS AGAIN.

TAP TAP

JEAN GREY. I APPRECIATE THE INVITATION. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE I BELONG HERE.

MY POWER IS PRETTY USELESS.

NEZHNO, I BELIEVE I CAN WORK WITH YOU ON THE PAIN BLOCKING YOUR POWERS. TOGETHER, WE MAY BE ABLE TO UNLOCK YOUR FULL POTENTIAL.

I...I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE.

THAT'S EXACTLY *WHY* WE WANT YOU WITH US, NEZHNO.

KURT'S RIGHT.

WE WANT YOU ON THIS TEAM AS MUCH FOR YOUR COMPASSION AS YOUR STRENGTH.

OUT THERE, SOMEONE IS DELIBERATELY STOKING HATRED AND VIOLENCE AGAINST MUTANTS.

THEY WANT A WORLD WHERE OUR RACE IS WIPED OUT. BUT THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE FACING.

→COUGH←

WE HAVE A KING AND A GODDESS.

WE HAVE A KING, A GODDESS AND A GABBY.

AND WE HAVE YOU, GENTLE.

WE'RE GOING TO FACE OPPOSITION. SOME PEOPLE WILL TRY TO TEAR US DOWN. BUT WE ARE X-MEN.

WE KNOW THERE'S A BETTER WAY. AND WE ***ARE*** GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

OUR NEW MUTANT NATION STARTS HERE.

THANK YOU FOR GRANTING ME AN AUDIENCE.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE.

MY NAME IS CASSANDRA NOVA.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

PRIME MINISTER. I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED. I ONLY WANT WHAT YOU WANT...

AFRICA.

...I WANT WORLD LEADERS OF VISION WHO SEE THE MUTANT RACE FOR THE DISEASE IT IS AND ARE ACTIVE IN TRYING TO STOP ITS SPREAD, MISTER PRESIDENT.

TO STOP YOUR COUNTRY'S CHILDREN BEING BORN AS MUTANTS.

ASIA.

I WANT TO AID YOU, CHAIRWOMAN, SO WE CAN FIGHT THIS DISEASE TOGETHER.

JEAN GREY HAS RETURNED FROM THE DEAD, BUT SHE IS NO MESSIAH. SHE HAS CAUSED MORE DEATH THAN ANYONE ELSE ON THE PLANET.

THIS WOMAN MURDERED AN ENTIRE STAR SYSTEM.

NORTH AMERICA.

YOU CAN NEVER BE SAFE FROM HER, MISTER SPEAKER.

SHE CAN INFLUENCE ANYONE IN THIS ROOM. SHE CAN BE STANDING A MILE AWAY, AND STILL SNAP YOUR NECK WITH HER MIND.

YOU WOULD NOT KNOW IF SHE AND HER ZEALOTS WERE STANDING RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

BUT I WOULD...

...WITH THIS.

ISN'T HE...?

YES, CHANCELLOR, FORGE IS A MUTANT. BUT I HAVE HIM UNDER CONTROL. HE'S QUITE TAME.

HE'S LIVESTOCK. AND I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN WHAT HE CAN PRODUCE.

AND HE HAS PRODUCED THE SENTINITES.

MY GIFT TO YOU.

THESE WILL ALLOW YOU THE ABILITY TO DETECT MUTANTS.

HUH? WHERE ARE THEY?

THEY'RE...

...ALREADY INSTALLED.

MUTANT.

WHAT?

ABOMINATION!

BANG BANG BANG

IT'S OKAY.

HE...

WE'LL GET THIS CLEANED UP.

OUR CHILDREN PLAYED TOGETHER.

I'M SORRY FOR THE BETRAYAL YOU MUST FEEL. TO HAVE ONE INFILTRATE YOUR LIFE LIKE THIS. BUT I HAVE GIVEN YOU YOUR POWER BACK.

AND I HAVE GIVEN THE SAME GIFT TO LIKE-MINDED LEADERS.

THE MUTANTS CAN NEVER HIDE AGAIN.

NEXT: CONTACT.

X-MEN RED #5

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